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MARKET NEWS AND GRADING DIVISION MEMORANDUM NO. NX 113

To: All Market News Offices

From: Fred J. Beard, Chief, Market News & Grading Division
LIVESTOCK AND MEATS BRANCH, Washington, D. C.

Subject: Lt. Col. Patterson Reassigned to Reporting of Sheep
and Lamb Contracts.

Members of the Market News staff will no doubt be pleased to learn that Lt. Col. J. L. Patterson, who has been on active military duty for the past three years expects to return March 8 to his former market news assignment at Ogden.

The return of Col. Patterson to that assignment will permit the Market News Service to provide a more comprehensive coverage of sheep and lamb contracting than has been possible during the past two seasons due to shortage in technical personnel. Immediately after his return to duty he will proceed to California and undertake to report the early contracting and movement of lambs in that state. Reports from trade channels indicate that considerable contracting has, already taken place and it is regretted that our Market News Division is somewhat tardy in supplying the regular seasonal reports of that activity.

Since Col. Patterson will require a little time to survey the trade after he arrives in California, it probably will be the latter part of March before the first report is released. Reports will be prepared in the same general style as in past years and filed for transmission over the western circuit of the leased wire on Mondays so that it can be relayed over other circuits not later than early Tuesday each week.

Mimeographing and dissemination of the reports will be carried out as in previous years.

Col. Patterson will give advance notice to all leased wire offices as to the release of the first report for the current season.

Fred J. Beard



